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Perhaps, it is needless to follow the matter farther as any indirect connexion of my own had ceased four years previously, but in view of Mr. Green's incorrect statements to you, it may be well to mention that although Mr. Birrell had given a lien over the whole property to parties in Victoria, who advanced him a large sum, curiously enough, he went to Mass., and effected an apparent sale of the whole concern to Mr. Green, who I am told is now the occupant of the property himself, and is carrying on business there, while the fraudulence of the transaction is being contested by law in Victoria.

If the Department has any appreciation for the comparative integrity of its officers, it is satisfactory to inform you that notwithstanding all the personal pecuniary losses to which I have adverted, I have never been "so sadly mixed up" in the matter as this, and there is not the slightest objection to the most complete inquiry into any transaction of mine in connexion with the matter.

On the other hand, although accidentally involved in the manner explained, I have been the direct means of an expenditure among the Indians of the Mass amounting